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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 03-2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012**

PRESENT: Craig Moloney, Chair; Rob Achtmeyer, Joseph Hansen, Anita Neal Powell, Jessica Reynolds

Absent: None

Present: Cynthia Walters, Senior City Attorney
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Planning
Robin Ziek, Staff Liaison

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORK SESSION began at 7:00 p.m. and no decisions were made.

II. COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. The Peerless Rockville** report was provided by Mary van Balgooy. For more information, call 301-762-0096, or see www.peerlessrockville.org.
- B. The Lincoln Park Historical Foundation** report was presented by Anita Neal Powell, Executive Director. For more information, call 301-251-2747, or email to lincolnparkhist@aol.com.
- C. Tom Kuehhas, new Executive Director of the Montgomery County Historical Society** presented an update.
- D. Public Comments/Open Forum**

Maria Lugenbil of 25 Wall Street spoke concerning a neighboring vacant lot at 23 Wall Street, which recently went before the Planning Commission to determine whether the lot was buildable. She is interested in saving the trees on the lot even after it is sold and would like to see more consistency in the surveys.

Joan Hartley of 103 Forest Avenue is interested in selling her home but has questioned the HDC's nomination of her home as an historic site in 2002.

Eileen McGuckian spoke on the proposed use of the King Farm House and feels the house is marketable as a residence and should remain as such.

E. HDC Staff Comments

Mr. Moloney mentioned that the Cider Barrel in Germantown and the Silver Spring Baptist Church are on the 2012 Endangered Maryland List released by Preservation Maryland. He has asked everyone to contact their congressman and request funding be provided for their preservation.

Robin Ziek reminded that the Tax Credit applications are due April 1, 2012. Please contact her at 240-314-8230 with any questions. She also stated that Karen Bashir expressed concern that the Carver Center is not getting enough recognition and is interested in having that name added to the site signage on Hungerford Drive. She is working with MCPS as well.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Achtmeyer to remove the December 15, 2011 minutes from the Content Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

A. MINUTES: January 19, 2012

B. HDC2012- 00565

Applicant: Rockville Presbyterian Church

Address: 215 W. Montgomery Avenue

Request: Install concrete walk and gathering place for columbarium, and surrounding garden per planting plan

Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Hansen to adopt the Consent Agenda, as amended: January 19, 2012 Minutes and HDC2012-00565. The motion passed 5-0.

C. MINUTES: December 15, 2011: Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Achtmeyer to approve the December 15, 2011 minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

- A.** Certificate of Approval HDC2012-00567, Daniel Mattox of 217 W. Montgomery Avenue, to replace the front, side and rear doors at the house, and an update on future work. Robin Ziek presented a brief staff report and recommended approval. Daniel Maddox, owner, answered questions from the Commission regarding proposed and future renovations.

Commissioner Achtmeyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the application as stated. The motion passed 5-0.

V. RECONSIDERATION PROCEDURES

Jim Wasilak presented the staff report. Cindy Walters answered questions from the Commission. The HDC would like information on who has “standing” as well as the difference between recommendations and decisions with respect to either reconsideration or an appeal.

VI. UPDATE:

A. HDC2012-00566, 103 Forest Avenue (Mrs. John Hartley, owner)

Jim Wasilak summarized the history of this project, with the HDC recommendation for historic district zoning made ten years ago but never carried forward, at the request of the property owners. The house is now for sale and the designation is on the Mayor and Council agenda on 3-19-2012 for clarification of the property's status.

VII. COURTESY REVIEW

A. HDC2012-00572, King Farmstead, 1101 Grand Champion Drive [*16100 Frederick Rd.*] to add exterior stairways to meet fire safety code in renovation for use as daycare center. Staff noted the Sithy Munsin Family Academy of Bethesda, a Montessori School is interested in leasing the property, and will come to the HDC in April for a Courtesy Review.

VIII. DISCUSSION

- A. Condition of Approval for 400 W. Montgomery Avenue. Robin Ziek presented siding materials, to satisfy the HDC's Condition of Approval. The proposed roofing materials were discussed, as the connecting walkway must have a solid roof (open trellis was proposed). The HDC considered this and the minor change in height as consistent with their COA action.
- B. Chevy Chase Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution-District Preservation Group – proposed historic marker for the De Lemar House at 101 S. Washington St., presented by Mr. and Mrs. Brault. This was an update only, and will be approved by the Chief of Planning when the exact sign proposal is formulated. The HDC thanked the applicant for the donation and their efforts to promote the City's heritage.
- C. Glenview subcommittee update – Commissioner Achtmeyer volunteered to be an alternate to the subcommittee.
- D. Green/Historic web page, Tech guide draft review
- E. Outreach to community – a finalized calendar/schedule will be provided in two weeks.
- F. Heritage Area update presented by Robin Ziek.
- G. Budget FY13 update provided by Jim Wasilak.

IX. ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandra Y. Driver, Commission Secretary